

In the loyalty and service he gave his clients he was an example of the perfect lawyer. To the community at large he was best known for his kindly human qualities.

Judge Waterman was married to Miss Annie Lowry at Davenport on October 24, 1877, and four children were born to them: William T., Fred, Dana C., and Miss Helen.

Judge Waterman died in Davenport, Iowa, January 28, 1924. He is survived by his wife, their three sons and their daughter.

JOHN T. HANSEN,  
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*Committee.*

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#### WILLIAM M. BYERLY

William M. Byerly, a member of the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies, was born on a farm in Jones County, Iowa, March 31st, 1854 and in nationality represents both the German and Scotch-Irish strains of blood. His early education was obtained in the rural schools, supplemented by a course at Lenox College in Hopkinton, Iowa.

For the first twelve years of his active life, he alternated between teaching in the winters with farming during the growing season. He was always actively interested in all that pertained to the welfare of his community and prepared himself for a wider participation in public affairs by serving his township for twelve years as their assessor, thus familiarizing himself somewhat with civil government of the county. He also brought his ripened judgment to his local school district, serving it for eighteen years as a director and here it early became apparent that he was bringing to this school district a thoughtful consideration of its needs, far beyond the average of country school directors. Later on, he was called to the more responsible position of a member of the Board of Supervisors and once again demonstrated that in this position is found a real opportunity for service to his neighbors.

In 1908, though a Democrat in a normally Republican county, he was elected as a state representative and re-elected in 1910. During this time it once more became evident that for a man who really wished to be of service to his state, there is always a place for genuine service. He brought to his own affairs the same methods, energy and conscientious thought which he demonstrated as a public official and by the time he had reached middle life, had achieved a competence which made him a real factor in financial affairs. He had been a stockholder in the Niles & Waters Savings Bank since its first organization. During the World War when the call came out for those who were too old to serve in the field to give their time and energy in prosecuting the war movements at home, William M. Byerly was among the first to respond to that call and he never wearied in doing what he thought was his full share. He early became interested and participated in the

Cross movement during the war and about 1920 was elected president of that organization. This office he held at the time of his death, which occurred on July 30th, 1924.

His activity in partisan politics in a Republican county always made itself felt and while the majority of that county disagreed with him, it is not too much to say that he passed to the wider experience of a future life, carrying with him the absolute respect of Jones county. The state of Iowa lost a discerning and conscientious citizen. Jones County has lost an even more valuable asset, a kindly neighbor and a lifelong friend.

E. A. GRIMWOOD,

R. C. PRICHARD,

W. S. KENNEDY,

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#### HONORABLE CYRUS L. STRATTON

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your committee appointed to prepare memorial resolutions, commemorating the life, character and public service of the Honorable Cyrus L. Stratton, a former member of the General Assembly of Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

Cyrus L. Stratton was born in Wayne County, Ohio, December 18, 1843, and died at his home in Red Oak, Iowa, July 6, 1923. He received his education in the public schools and later in the Canaan Academy and Mount Union College at Alliance, Ohio, after which he engaged in teaching and farming. In 1867 he became a licensed minister and was ordained local Deacon in 1884.

He came to Iowa in the spring of 1872 and settled on a farm in Montgomery County. In 1890 a church was built near his home and named Stratton Chapel in his honor. He served as chairman of the building committee in charge of the building of the Montgomery County Court House and later served as a member of the Board of Supervisors for six years. Mr. Stratton was elected to represent Montgomery County in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies. Mr. Stratton was a man of honor and uprightness, strong in character, in personality and in all the better elements of citizenship. He won the esteem of the community in which he lived and of all with whom he served during his life of usefulness.

In recognition of the value of his service to the state of Iowa and as an expression of our appreciation of his exemplary life and character:

*Be It Resolved*, By the House of Representatives of the Forty-first General Assembly, that in the passing of the Honorable Cyrus L. Stratton, the state has lost an honored and valuable citizen, a man of high ideals in christian living and useful citizenship.